GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service - Revenue Department - Departmental proceedings against Sri D. Bapi Raju, Tahsildar (Retired), Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District - Departmental proceedings under Rule-9 of APRPS Rules, 1980 r/w Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1147 Dated: 01-10-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the CCLA, CCLA's Ref.No. REV02-27021/72/2023-VIGILANCE II SEC-CCLA (C.No.2221916), Dt: 11/10/2023.
2. From the CCLA with Ltr.No.REV02-27021/72/2023-VIGILANCE II SEC-CCLA (C.No.2221916), dt.25.03.2025.
3. GO Ms.No.357, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dt.01.10.2025.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri D. Bapi Raju, Tahsildar (Retired), Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District under Rule-9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for sanctioning of Charmakara, Weaver & Ontari Mahila Pensions to ineligible Persons in Merakamudidam Mandal.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure.I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Articles of Charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures. II & III).

3. Sri D. Bapi Raju, Tahsildar (Retired), Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri D. Bapi Raju, Tahsildar (Retired), Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

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5. Sri D. Bapi Raju, Tahsildar (Retired), Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold inquiry against him ex-parte. Further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri D. Bapi Raju, Tahsildar (Retired), Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri D. Bapi Raju, Tahsildar (Retired), Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Memorandum be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To

Sri D. Bapi Raju, Tahsildar (Retired), Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The District Collector, Vizianagaram District.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI D. BAPIRAJU, FORMER TAHSILDAR, MERAKAMUDIDAM MANDAL, NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE.

CHARGE-1:

That Sri D.Bapi Raju, Former Tahsildar, Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District now retired from service has worked as Tahsildar, Merakamudidam from 11.07.2019 to 30.04.2020.

Sri Rejeti Papa Rao, S/o Appa Rao of Bhyripuram Village, Merakamudidam Mandal has filed complaint against the MPDO, Merakamudidam and others before the Hon'ble Lokayukta, A.P., alleging that certain irregularities committed in sanctioning of Charmakara, Weaver & Ontari Mahila Pensions to ineligible persons in Merakamudidam Mandal.

On the above complaint, the District Collector and Executive Chairman, DRDA, Vizianagaram has submitted report dt.09.11.2022 stating that the Mandal Development Officer enquired the matter and submitted report on "Ontari Mahila Pensions" stating that Nine (9) were covered under this category. Prior to filing of this complaint in respect of pensions of pensioners mentioned in Sl.No.1 to 6 of the report have been cancelled during six step validation survey. During the latest physical enquiry, after receiving the complaint, pensions related to pensioners mentioned in Sl.No.7 & 8 are found ineligible as their husbands are alive, hence their pensions have been cancelled on 25.01.2022. The other pensionary (Sl.No.9) is eligible and receiving Ontari Mahila pension every month. Thus, all the eight (8) ineligible Ontari Mahila Pensioners have been removed from the live list. However, the then MPDO has sanctioned all these pensions basing on the Ontari Mahila Certificates issued by the Tahsildar, Merakamudidam.

Basing on the report of the District Collector, Vizianagaram, the Hon'ble Lokayukta, A.P., have issued orders dt.25.04.2023 in which directed the District Collector, Vizianagaram to take action against the Tahsildar, Merakamudidam who issued Ontari Mahila Certificates to ineligible persons to enable them to obtain pension under this category and initiate appropriate action under due procedure and submit action taken report.

In this regard, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cheepurupalli has reported that Sri D.Bapi Raju, the then Tahsildar, Merakamudidam had issued 8 Ontari Mahila Certificates in the year 2019 irregularly and who was retired from services on 30.04.2020 on attainment of superannuation age.

Sri D.Bapi Raju, the then Tahsildar, Merakamudidam who retired from service on 30.04.2020 had issued the following Ontari Mahila Certificates in the year 2019 to ineligible persons as stated above and the details of Ontari Mahila Certificates as shown below:

Sl. No	Name of the individual	Village	Aadhar Card No.	Ration Card No.	Date of issue

1	Rejeti Suneetha, W/o Ramesh	Bhyripuram	503282607505	JAP 0215037005436	S.R.No.59/ 2019 Dt. 05.08.2019
2	Taddi Satyavathi, W/o Atchumnaidu	Bhyripuram	210123184613	WAP 021603700168	S.R.No.62/ 2019 dt. 05.08.2019
3	Benela Bharathi, W/o Suryanarayana	Bhyripuram	94172144293	WAP 021603700831	S.R.No.36/ 2019 Dt. 30.07.2019
4	Garbhapu Simhachalam D/o Ramappadu	Bhyripuram	929271327850	YAP 02603800179	S.R.No.60/ 2019 Dt. 05.08.2019
5	Salapu Ramana, W/o Adinarayana	Bhyripuram	367329237220	WAP 02603800035	S.R.No.61/ 2019 Dt. 05.08.2019
6	Pappala Appalanarasamma, W/o Ramunaidu	Bhyripuram	688677131272	YAP 021603800115	S.R.No.44/ 2019 Dt. 01.08.2019
7	Ragolu Venkatalaxmi W/o Pydiraju	Bhyripuram	709362336595	JAP 0021603700105	S.R.No.38/ 2019 Dt. 30.07.2019
8	Garbhapu Pydiraju, W/o Kandi Sadhu	Bhyripuram	813550725590	WAP 0021603800412	S.R.No.37/ 2019 Dt. 30.07.2019

Thus, Sri D.Bapi Raju, the then Tahsildar, Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District now retired from service while working as Tahsildar, Merakamudidam Mandal of Vizianagaram District failed to get proper enquiry and issued Ontari Mahila Certificates to the ineligible persons in the year 2019, by the above act on his part amounts to lack of devotion to duty there by violating the rule 3(1) of APCS (conduct) Rules 1964, warranting disciplinary action under APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. Hence, the charge.

BASIS OF THE CHARGE:

1. Orders of the Hon'ble Lokayukta, A.P. in Complaint 1545/2021/B1, Dt.25.04.2023.

2. Rc.No.299/2023/DT, Dt.01.09.2023 of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cheepurupalli.

3. Rc.No.2687/2023/A7, Dt.17.09.2023 of the Collector, Vizianagaram addressed to the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi through the CCLA, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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ANNEXURE-II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS THROUGH WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI D. BAPIRAJU, FORMER TAHSILDAR. MERAKAMUDIDAM MANDAL, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT, NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

1. Orders of the Hon'ble Lokayukta, A.P. in Complaint 1545/2021/B1, Dt.25.04.2023.

2. Rc.No.299/2023/DT, Dt.01.09.2023 of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cheepurupalli.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI D. BAPI RAJU, FORMER TAHSILDAR, MERAKAMUDIDAM MANDAL, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT, NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE

-NIL-

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